

device that cooperates with a fuel injector, the Provost device is directed to a "tool for installing an oil seal for an internal combustion engine crankshaft." Abstract.

Therefore, because Provost does not mention fuel injectors at all, this reference does not teach any of the limitations pertaining to the cooperation of the claimed device with fuel injectors.

Apart from the absence of fuel injectors in the specification of Provost, Provost also fails to teach a disassembling screw that applies a disassembling force when it is tightened. In evaluating whether a screw meets the disassembling screw of the claimed invention, a useful guide is to ask what happens when the screw in question is tightened. If the components fastened by the screw are loosened when the screw is tightened, then that screw is a disassembling screw. It is not enough to say that every screw can be a disassembling by saying that screws normally transmit a disassembling force when they are loosened. The claimed disassembling screw is different because it transmits a disassembling force upon tightening, not loosening. Neither of screws 54 in Provost meets the claimed disassembling screw because, as plainly revealed by the insertion of each screw into an associated threaded bore, the act of tightening screws 54 will tighten, not loosen, the components of the tool more closely to each other. Since tightening screws 54 results in the transmission of an assembling, not disassembling, force, this is yet another reason why Provost does not anticipate claim 11.

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Provost. Since claim 20 depends from claim 11, Applicants submit that these claims are patentable for at least the same reasons given in support of the patentability of claim 11.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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